Two-laning of NHs across the country

296. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the poor condition of several thousand kilometres of ignored National Highways;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether his Ministry is working on the proposal of two-laning of all single-lane National Highways across the country on BOT basis, which are not covered under NHDP;

(d) whether Government would provide a special package for upgradation of non-NHDP stretches to create a national asset over the Eleventh Plan period;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) There is as such no ignored National Highways (NHs) in the country. The condition of the NHs is monitored on regular basis. Further, the development and maintenance of NHs is a continuous process to keep them in traffic worthy conditions and are taken up as per the availability of funds, traffic intensity and *inter-se* priority.

(c) There is no proposal of two-laning of all single-lane NHs across the country on BOT basis, which are not covered under approved phases of NHDP. However, NHDP-Phase-IV, involving upgradation of NHs to two-lane standards with paved shoulders primarily on BOT basis, is yet to be approved by the Government.

(d) to (f) The Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007-12) edorsed by the National Development Council (NDC) during its meeting held on 19.12.2007 *inter-alia* recommended that the targets for stretches other than NHDP have to be prioritised according to their importance to the national economy so that the available resources are not spread thinly among competing projects. The major targets for non-NHDP components include:

(i) Accelerated efforts to bring NHs network to a minimum of two-lane standard within the next ten years and four-laning small segments of non-NHDP stretches.

(ii) Removing existing deficiencies, like inadequate capacity, insufficient pavement thickness, etc. in the road network by strengthening the National Highway network/ improving riding quality.

Four-laning in Kerala

297. PROF. P.J. KURIEN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total route in Kilometres of National Highways in Kerala;

(b) how much of that is four-laned;

(c) whether Government proposes to make the entire National Highway four-laned; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time of completion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRYJ OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Total length of National Highways passing through the State of Kerala is 1526 Kms.

(b) The length of four lane stretches is 52 Kms.

(c) A length of 849 kms is proposed to be taken up for four laning under National Highway Development Project (NHDP). This will cover entire length of NH 47 and 17 in Kerala.

(d) The above works are expected to be completed in the year 2013.

Repair of NHs

†298. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of National Highways in the country as on the date together with the status thereof;

(b) the number of National Highways out of the these which are required to be repaired; and

(c) the details of proposals pertaining to the construction of new National Highways and the repair of existing highways, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) The Development and Maintenance of National Highways is a continuous process and is taken up depending upon the availability of funds, traffic density and *inter-se* priority of works. The State-wise details of National Highways in the country are given in the Statement-I (*See below).*

(c) Ministry generally does not construct any new National Highway but declares existing State Roads as National Highways. The State-wise details of the proposals sanctioned comprising proposals of Periodic Renewal, Flood Damage Repair, Special Repair and Tsunami Damage Repair for the repair of existing National Highways entrusted with the State Public Works Department (PWD) and Border Road Organization (BRO) is given in the Statement-II (*See* below). For the National Highways entrusted with the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), the repair of the damaged portions are taken up through the Civil/Operation & Maintenance Contractors/Concessionaries as part of their obligations under contract/concession agreements; in case of sections identified under National Highways Development Project (NHDP), improvements of which have not started, the repair of damages of existing roads are carried out by NHAI through State PWD.

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